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1. During the period from 1 to 5 March 1951 the "White Town" restricted area (the former Weinkel settlement) in Oranienburg (N 53/E 67) was occupied by air force and army units. Blocks Nos 1, 2, 3, 14, and 15, in addition to 11 houses on the former Ernst Weinkelstrasse, were occupied by air force soldiers. * The 48 rooms of blocks Nos 1, 2, and 3 were occupied by about 240 TM. Block No 14 has 64 rooms, 32 of which were occupied by 16 officers and their dependents, the other 32 being occupied by 64 officers. Block No 15, which is commonly called Hotel, has 48 rooms occupied by 96 officers. The soldiers billeted in blocks Nos 1, 2, 3, 14, and 15 were flying personnel. The 11 houses on Ernst Weinkelstrasse served as quarters for 440 ground personnel. These houses have a total of 88 rooms, each being occupied by five soldiers. *
2. The officers wore blue-bordered golden epaulets, while the TM were wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, some with propellers and some with crossed lightning-flash insigne.
3. The name of air force Major Maneyev or Maneyeff, (fnn), allegedly a commanding officer, was heard mentioned. It could not be determined whether Maneyev was the commanding officer of an air unit or of some other air force organization. It was not known how long the air force units had been stationed at the field. 50X1-HUM
4. On 9 March, 10 to 15 BE-2s were parked in the northeastern corner of the Oranienburg airfield, while five BE-2s were seen at the take-off point. Three other BE-2s were aloft. *** From 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. aircraft were continuously circling the field. There was a closed ceiling, but visibility was good. The planes took off and landed from the northwest to the southeast with strong side wind. No radio installations or radio trucks were seen at the field. 50X1-HUM

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- 5. On 10 March, about 40 twin-engine planes with in-line engines and double rudder assemblies were parked near the hangar at the northern side of the Oranienburg airfield. *** Numbers 1 and 46 were seen on the rudder assemblies of two of the planes. 50X1-HUM
- 6. The northern part of the restricted area near the White Town was occupied by air force soldiers. The school in this area was used as an administration building. About 300 air force soldiers were quartered in 11 houses.

* Comment. From the data contained in this paragraph it appears that the White Town quartered a total of 680 air force ~~men~~ and 176 air force officers. The individual data cannot be verified. 50X1-HUM



*** Comment. The field is occupied by a bomber regiment equipped with about 40 B-2 planes.

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